

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A method for handling a web service call by a client in a communication network comprising the steps of:

issuing at least one client request to call a web service from a client requester, wherein the at least one client request to call a web service is sent to a callback web service;

registering the at least one client request to call a web service within the callback web service, and invoking a called web service by sending the at least one client request to call a web service to a called web service;

receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service within a response web service; and

delivering the response manually, based upon when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester;

wherein the callback web service is distinct from the client requester and the response web service.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising after the registering step, the step of storing a client identity along with a client request.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising after the issuing step, the step of determining whether the at least one client request to call a web service is already stored or not.

10. (Canceled).